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Proposals Received for the Development of Tourism Sector
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala for the Development of Tourist circuits and Destination Development Schemes;
(b) if so, the details thereof and present status of this proposal; and
(c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred along with the progress and achievement made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD - Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

Under PRASAD scheme, Guruvayoor (Kerala) has been identified as one of the 25 sites of religious significance in the country for development in 2016-17.

The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to Kerala under Swadesh Darshan since its launch are as under:
<pre> (Rs. in crore)
Sr. No. Name of Project/Year of Sanction Amount Sanctioned Amount Released
1. Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala under Eco Tourism Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme (2015-16). 99.22
19.84
2. Development of Sabrimala- Erumeli- Pampa-Sannidhanam in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala under Spiritual Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme (2016-17) 99.99
19.20
3. Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala in Kerala under Spiritual Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme (2016-17). 92.44
18.49

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The work on all the above projects is going on.

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